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TEN YEARS AGO
AUGUST 18, 2011

In the 2011 Fall Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association, three local Angus cattle breeders were recognized for owning proven bulls. Cedar Top Rach of Stapleton, owned three bulls, Gary Jameson of Tryon, owned one, and Arlan and Sarah Paxton of Tryon, owned one bull.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 16, 2001

The Tryon Fire Department responded to a hay baler that had caught fire in the hayfield at Hartward and Arlen Connells on August 7. The baler was completely destroyed by the fire.

On Friday, August 20, the ambulance was called for Dorothy Haney who suffered a broken bone near her hip. Mrs. Haney was shutting off a water hydrant outside of her home in Tryon.

Services were held August 9 for Howard J. Childerston, 95, at Central Baptist Church, with burial in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Services were held Sunday, August 4, for Janette L. Meyers, 89, at the Hillside Chapel in Rosemead, California.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 15, 1991

Pictured in this issue were the two new concrete benches on the Courthouse lawn at Tryon, which were put into place Monday, August 12 to cover the time capsule at the McPherson County Courthouse.

A local student, Arlan Paxton, son of Ron and Linda Paxton was among those students from the College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to make the dean's list.

The 6th annual Sandhills' Select Pen show was deemed a huge success. Twenty-three exhibitors represented six counties of Thomas, Hooker, Blaine, Custer, Cherry, and McPherson. There were 29 pens of three and 38 pens of one on display.

Terry and Bonnie Elliott of Thedford are the parents of a baby boy, Jason Andrew. Grandparents are Kenneth and Jean Pester of Tryon, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Elliott of Thedford.

FORTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 13, 1981

Teachers have been hired for all six of the grade school districts in McPherson County. A list of the districts and their teachers and their grades: District No. 4 (Tryon): K-2 taught by Elnora Neal,

Tryon; 3-5 taught by Nora Miller Tryon Route, North Platte; 6-8 taught by Denise Trickett of Harcourt, Iowa. District No. 7 (Hall) had children grades 2-7 and was taught by Margaret Ann Wilkie from North Platte. District No. 9 (North of Tryon) included grades K-8 and was taught by Joy Crow of Arnold. District No. 26 (Soddy Community Northwest of Tryon) was grades 1-6 taught by Charlene Connell. District No. 28 (Starr School) was taught by Debra Hanson of Omaha, and included grades 1-8. District No. 59 (Ringgold) was taught by Kathy Thompson of Tryon and included grades K-6.

Anthony Rodewald, two-year-old son of Blaine and Sharlene Rodewald of Tryon sustained injuries to his hand and wrist in a grain auger accident on the family farm just east of Tryon. Anthony was taken to North Platte by Tryon rescue unit where he was later transferred by air to Denver where he underwent surgery.

Alan Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller of Tryon, set a new course record Saturday, August 8 during the 15-Kilometer Lake Maloney Road Run. Alan was awarded a trophy and a \$25 gift certificate.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 12, 1971

Julie Lanka placed first in the Logan-McPherson County 4-H range contest. Nebraska's 1971 fall turkey season opened on October 30. A team roping was held at the Gregg Arena Saturday, September 4, west of Tryon.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 17, 1961

Mrs. Blanche Waggoner, 80, formerly of McPherson and Lincoln counties passed away Thursday, August 10. Services were held in Denver, and burial was in Polk, Nebraska.

Mrs. Esther Abraham, 65, passed away Wednesday, August 9. Services were held in the First Methodist Church in Curtis Sunday, August 13. Burial was held in Miller Cemetery in Tryon.

After spotting Thedford to a 12-run lead in the first inning, the Tryon-Ringgold boys baseball team came on for the win in a close game, 14 to 13 on the local diamond at Tryon Saturday, August 12.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 16, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Edwards of Indianapolis, Indiana were the parents of a baby girl, Sylvia Thayne, born August 9. Mrs. Edwards is the sister of Bill Griffith of Tryon.

Pete Dancer son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dancer, passed away following an accident while working in the timber in Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dancer and family were former McPherson Co. residents and Pete attended grade school in Tryon.

School District No. 13 in McPherson Co. Nebraska was to be sold August 30.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
AUGUST 14, 1941

The local draft board has mailed questionnaires to young men in the 21-year-old age group. The men who have been notified of their order numbers are as follows: William Kent Masters, Glenn Allen Winters, Orville Charles Bellew,

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." - Winston Churchill

This is another of my gleanings from the internet. I wasn't born until nearly half a century later, but my Dad was born in 1906 so his perspective on life would have been much the same as the person born in 1900.

"For a small amount of perspective at this moment, imagine you were born in 1900. When you are 14, World War I starts, and ends on your 18th birthday with 22 million people killed. Later in the year, a Spanish Flu epidemic hits the planet and runs until you are 20. Fifty million people die from it in those two years. Yes, 50 million.

When you're 29, the Great Depression begins. Unemployment hits 25%, global GDP drops 27%. That runs until you are 33. The country nearly collapses along with the world economy. When you turn 39, World War II starts. You aren't even over the hill yet.

When you're 41, the United States is fully pulled into WWII. Between your 39th and 45th birthday, 75 million people perish in the war and the Holocaust kills six million. At 52, the Korean War starts and five million perish.

At 64 the Vietnam War begins, and it doesn't end for many years. Four million people die in that conflict. Approaching your 62nd birthday you have the Cuban Missile Crisis, a tipping point in the Cold War. Life on our planet, as we know it, could well have ended. Great leaders prevented that from happening.

As you turn 75, the Viet-

nam War finally ends. Think of everyone on the planet born in 1900. How do you survive all of that? A kid in 1985 didn't think their 85 year old grandparent understood how hard school was. Yet those grandparents (and now great-grandparents) survived through everything

listed above.

Perspective is an amazing art. Let's try and keep things in perspective. Let's be smart, help each other out, and we will get through all of this. In the history of the world, there has never been a storm that lasted. This too, shall pass."

PERSPECTIVE

Winning may mean losing,
Losing can mean gain.
It's all in how you look at things
When dealing with life's game.

If you have a solid foundation
And you deal with what is true,
Even when others try to cheat,
The Lord will see you through.

If you stand up for what is right
And do not waver in your stand,
You don't have to sneak or tell lies,
You can hold your head up to any man.

My dad was a steward of the land
Which bears testimony to that care
For without his training and legacy
It could be hurt beyond repair.

People who really know the hills
Can see that solid base
And their word is worth a lot
No matter what the case.

Believing without knowing facts
Is not worthy of the cause
So take some time and think it through,
It doesn't hurt to pause.

The truth will always bear you out
No matter what others say
For you can stand before the Great Judge
In honesty on Judgment Day.

J.R. Trumbull
24 December 2005

Senior Lunch Menu At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

Monday, August 23 - green beans, dinner roll
Chicken drummies, Thursday, August 26 -
mashed potatoes, peas, Chicken/beef fajita, let-
tuce salad, peppers &
Tuesday, August 24 - onions, pears
Friday, August 27 - Ham-
burger chicken fry,
Pulled pork sandwich, potato or lettuce salad, mashed potatoes and
baked beans, chips, Mandarin oranges
Wednesday, August 25 -
Pork chop, baked potato, peaches

Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

A couple years ago, when I decided to keep writing for another year, I mentioned that I might rewrite some sections of articles from the past. I know I have repeated some stories, or at least parts of them more than once. Maybe when my memory is required to think of something totally new, I'll have to quit even attempting to send words to the paper on Sunday evening. I'm going to use that option this week and start on the coat-tails of the high school reunion to fill in blanks in other articles with several different approaches. These snippets will all give you chances to say, "I've heard that before and I didn't believe it the first time either."

As far as I know, there is only one of my high school classmates still living and we associated for eleven and a half years before her family moved to California. Sharlene Reichenberg Elliot graduated at the same time, but from another state, although she did come back to Nebraska in the

interim.

My Aunt Etta Reichenberg, Kenny's mother, rented the little block building behind the bank, from Oliver Robb, and lived there during two school terms, to provide a haven, or boarding place, for her daughter Margret, my sister Evelyn, Mildred Cullinan, and Edith (Toots) Adams.

I've told you that this was also a 'haven' for me 'on occasion' especially on days when we took the 'eighth grade exams.'

When I started to high school in the fall of 1938 Evelyn pulled out of that mix and babysat me, and also Sharlene, for two years. Aunt Etta moved her own little house into town, it's the one where Ray Cerney lives now, and boarded some girls in it while Evelyn and I were on our own.

I'll slip in one more little fact there too. Grandma Summers lived across the street west of the parsonage and boarded Phyllis for two years and then when Margret graduated, 1941, she rented that little

house of Reichenberg's and kept Phyllis two more years. I told you about Phyllis slapping my face, but she was accepting enough of me that she played Monopoly with me, and others, at both of those houses at various times. Just as well slip in the idea that Grandma wouldn't let us play with dice and our Monopoly set had a 'spinner' to decide the number of moves.

Funny how little things follow on the tails of the reunion.

I, with my mind on my high school class, made contact with Gary Marsh, nephew of my classmate Lois, and got in some more lip-flapping time about that group of Arthur citizens ending with Frank. It's true that Lois was in my graduating class in 1943 and spent four years 'putting up' with me but, hey, she was a girl. Aren't all 'she's'. But she never made as much of an im-

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